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U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets
Docket No. FAA 98-4390 -19
400 Seventh St. SW
Rm, Plaza 401
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: NPRM 98-4390

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to encourage passage of NPRM 98-4390.

As a helicopter operator, I feel that these changes will:

1. Encourage **IFR** flight over VFR flight in marginal conditions.
2. **Increase** productivity without an adverse effect on safety.
3. Begin to recognize the unique characteristics of helicopters allowing us greater access to the NAS.

Please continue your work in this area.

Sincerely,

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